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Application of:

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For: APPARATUS FOR APPLYING
DRINKING STRAWS

Group Art Unit: 3721

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is in response to the official action mailed on January 29, 2002. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections is hereby respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-3 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) In an apparatus for applying a drinking straw to a receiving surface of a stand up bag which can be supplied on a conveying surface to a transfer means for drinking straws, the improvement comprising that the stand up bag lies with a side surface that is generally opposite said receiving surface (3a) resting on the conveyor surface and that said transfer means (5) is arranged such that the drinking straw (2) while being handed over encloses an acute angle (α) with the conveying surface (4a).

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